Royalty Rates on Minerals

*349. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to increase the rates of royalty on minerals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

[*English*]

Alleged occupation of houses in Srinagar by C.R.P.F.

*350. SHRI ANBARASU ERA:

SHRI PALA K. M. MATHEW:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the houses in Srinagar and other parts of the Valley vacated by Kashmiri migrants in panic are under the occupation of the Central Reserve Police Force personnel;

(b) if so, whether any rent is being paid to the owners of those houses;

(c) whether complaints have been received from the owners of those houses in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The State Government have provided houses vacated by Kashmiri migrants in the Valley specially in Srinagar, to the Central Reserve Police Force for their accommodation. On completion of assessment of rent and after due processing in some cases rent has been paid.

(c) and (d) Two complaints, one from the owner of Archana Guest House and the other from one Sh. H. N. Tutoo, have been received and remitted to the State Government for appropriate action.

[*Translation*]

Rose cultivation as an Agriculture Industry

*351. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to treat rose cultivation as an agriculture industry;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a rose-based agriculture industry at Barwana in Hathras (Uttar Pradesh);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The Government have no proposal to treat Rose Cultivation as an agriculture industry at present.

(b) to (d) No Sir, there is a research scheme of ICAR under implementation with effect from 15-10-1990 at Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad on improvement of yield and quality of rose oil.

[*English*]

Report of Multi Disciplinary Committee on Central Ground Water Board

*352. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swaminathan Multi Disciplinary Committee set up by Government to review the goals and objectives including restructing of the Central Ground Water Board has submitted its report;